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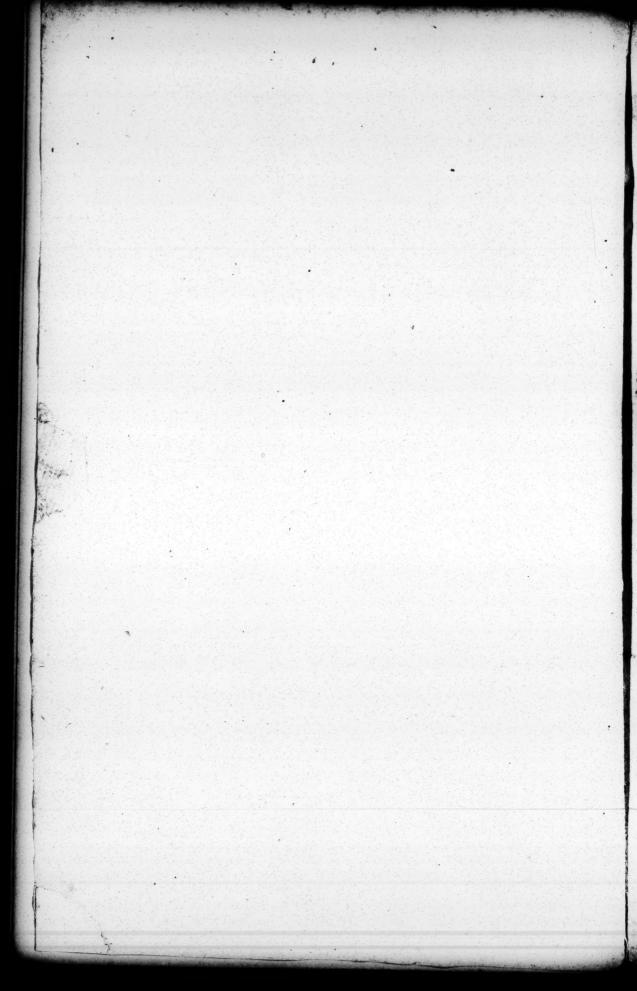
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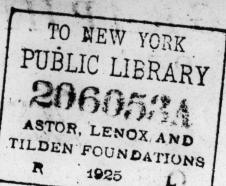
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Quid dabit? Hem rogitas? De jam secut Aseta Penam:
Permam? RARA AVIS oft! Mirificent Angle!
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so excellent a piece of Invention should not be buried in Oblivion. And that none might fail of advantage by it, those things that might seem difficult in it (to some Readers) are Explained, and Additional Directions given therein.

The Rules of Contractions are Plain, Natural, and Methodical, and to universally useful, that those who are Quick in Long-hand-Writing, by the help of them, will not fall much short of tracing a moderate Speaker Verbatim.

I presume, the bare Reading it will Challenge an Approbation, and a little Practice, Oblige to a more absolute Commendation than I give it. If the Publick may receive Benefit, his Ends are answered, who is a Well-wisher to all Men,

Aut 12. 1692. Thomas: Stater.

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AUTHOR'S PREFACE

TO HIS

Intended (though then unfinished)
WORK.

Ver since I had any inspection into the former Methods of Short-writing, I have bewailed the Imperfections thereof, considering how far short it came to the proposed End, (i.e.) the Tracing of a moderate Speaker word by word, which not one among Twenty of the Masters themselves, nor one among Five hundred Learners (by any Method hitherto invented) can do: Which thing if rendred feasible (to every ordinary Capacity) I perswade my self, that for one Learner that there is now, there will be Twenty, and (Consequently) the Encouragement to Study and Teach the same, will equal that of any other particular piece of Learning; and the publick and general Utility thereby to all degrees of Persons and Employments will be unspeakable: The furtherance of which business, is the chief design of this Trast. About ten years ago I had conceived some Notions which I judged might be useful in Short-writing, but fancying that some other hand

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hand might perhaps be busied about the like Nos tions and Inventions, I wholly neglected my own Conceits; expecting by the help and hand of some other, to see the Art arrive at its designed Rort of perfection, or at least to be brought to that pass, as to be past my skill to mend it: But having searched all the Printed Authors that I could light on, upon that Subject, and missing my Expectation, I fell again into my old Melancholy Fit, Bemoaning, that so excellent an Art was so little enriched by the Contributors, (or rather Pretenders) thereunto, of whom some have offered nothing new but an Alphabet; And that no otherwise new. than by giving the old Characters new Names and Places.

One main Reason of this Missortune, (as I conceive) may have been, That fome who have been esteemed none of the meanest of the Managers of this Affair (baving grounded upon a wrong Hypothesis) have chosen an unfit Medium: For Mr. Rich (as it seems) taking, or rather mistaking the Design to bethe Writing much in a little Room f as 2 Scholar of his has expressed it I thought the only means to effect this was, to write by Sentences, (i.e.) (touse a Symbolical Chara-Eter for a whole Sentence) And therefore having Framed, or Collected in his Fancy a great many Sentences, he invented a great Number of Rules for the Contracting of those Semences, which

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which (however they may seem pretty Fancies) do when they come to Practice, utterly fail in the main end, (i.e.) Speedy-writing: But for all that, Mr. Rich's Contractions were for some years accepted with great Applause, and some others have been tampering upon that Foundation. And lately, one Mr. A. Y. (in his Preface to the Reader, line 23.) Confesses, That he owes the Embrio of his Work to Ingenious Mr. Rich.

But to our purpose: I say that Rich's Basis is too narrow for his Building, and his Rules are too many, and too particular to be applied to so general an Use, as I would have Short-Writing to be of. Wherefore I say, that Writing by Sentences, whether it be by Symbolical Characters, or by Rules, is not the way to bring Short-Writing to Perfection: for the Design is not to write much in a little room, but much in a little Time, and to Trace our Speaker word by word. Not the sparing of Paper, but of Time is intended. I well know it to be an easie matter to Collect hundreds of Sentences, and then find out Rules to write them by, if, when that is done, I could get an Injunction for my Invention, to Injoyn the use of them to all Speakers: But is it not an idle thing for me, to trouble my self to Learn, and Charge my Memory to retain a multitude of frivolous Rules to write Sentences by, when every Speaker is at liberty to Use, Refuse, and alter them

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Sentence, consisting of two or three words, but is capable of more Variations than there are Words in it. The most common Sentences, are those consisting of two Substantives, with [of] between them, (the later of which in Latin, is the Genitive Case) and to these kind of Sentences most of Mr. Rich's Rules are

applied.

And indeed, it is more frequent in our Tongue to say, the King's Laws, Children Subjects, &c. than to say the Laws Children, Subjects of the King. In Scripture Phrase (I confess) the former is more frequent; but in our common Discourse the later prevails; and we must apply our selves to both of them. But this is not all the Variation these kind of Sentences will admit; for there is also an Est ubi vertitur in Dativum, [e.g.] Servant to his Master, Son in Law to a Governour,&c. Sometimes also an Adjective is put between two Substantives: As, A Servant to a Cruel Master, Son of a Rich Man, The Laws of our God, &c. Now when any of these Alterations happen, I must either forsake my Speaker, or my one Rule: If the first, I lose my End: If the later, I am put to a Non-plus, by being not ready to express the Sentence otherwise than by my having had a dependance upon this Rule, which (in this case) fails me. And how puzzling it is in such a Case, to have the Fancy wavering

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wavering, I leave to every ingenious Practitioner to Judg. And there is another Inconveniency in Rich's Rules, that they propound divers ways for doing the same thing, (i.e.) Sometimes you must Write by his Contractions, and at other times the like Sentences word by word, (if it happen by the Speaker to be altered in the least:) And were it not far better therefore to write after our Speaker, and follow him word by word, which generally may be sooner done, (yea, tho the word should be spell'd to the end) than in Rich's way of Contractions? being by their excessive Number troublesome to the Memory; and which the Writer himself (in a short time after the Writing) is unable to remember, and so cannot read bis own Writing: Frustra sit per plura quod sieri potest per pauciora. Another Inconveniency is this, That I must stay till a Sentence (sometimes of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 words) be pronounced, before I begin to Write: And here the Fancy is put upon a double Work, (i.e.) It must intend the Writing the whole Sentence (which the Speaker is uttering) and at the same time be busied in calling to mind the difficult Rule and Character particularly Applicable to the Writing thereof, if possibly, whether such a Rule or Character will express the same, or if not, whether the said Sentence is to be written word by word, unless I can perswade the Speaker to tarry for me: And how few Memories are capable

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pable of this double Charge, videlicet, of taking first a long sentence into the Memory, and then delivering it out afterwards in Writing, I leave to Consideration. But the Speaker ought to be followed word by word (if possible.) To the end, that a word should no sooner fall from his Mouth, but it should be Transubstantiated into Ink: And then the Memory

is not charged.

A fourth Inconveniency in Rich and his followers way of Contracting Sentences, is the multitude of Rules, and their seldom use, (as is partly touched before) For the perfection of an Art consisteth in the paucity of its Rules: And the excellency of its Rules confists in the generality of their Use. Now Mr. Rich's Rules seem wholly to be suited to Scripture Phraseology; and it may be the main Reason which moved him to Invent them, was to write the Bible, Pfalms, and New Testament, which he has Printed in his Characters. For, I confess, if the bufiness were only to Transcribe, it might signific something : But then too it must be applied only to one Subject, (i.e.) that for which the Rules are contrived: For if it comes to new Matter, then the Phrase being changed, the Rules will be of little or no use: Nay, if but the Author be changed, and the Subject the same, yet the Style will be so altered that the Rule will fail. And I am perswaded, that in some whole Sermons, not one of Mr. Rich's

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A Rules (for so many Mr. Stringer makes, of others) shall some once in when Ear many of them are scarce applicable to two Instances, and some of them hardly to one (e.g.) in bis 20th Rute, [Women of God] a Sentence one (ball not often bear. Again, in his 20th Rule, (according to Mr. Stringer) To lay hold on the Worship of God, for this you must write [g] for God, and then (in a very good order) three Tittles behind it, at the lower corner, for Worship: Then last of all, (which (hould have been first) a title over the Adje-Stive (as Mr. Stringer tells you) frands for To lay hold on,] I confess, when first I read the Directions to this Rule, I was much perplemed: For I looked down all along the Column, and could not find an Adjective there, until casting my Eye upon the Collateral Column, where the tittle standing on the Top of the faid Letter [g] gave me notice, that Mercy, Love. Power, and Worship, were taken for Adjectives; which is a very strange and odd direction, and must needs much charge the Memory. But to our business, let any one read but the Lords Prayer and Ten Commandments (which he may find at the beginning of Mr. Rich's Book) and see how many Contractions he can find in them; and so judge of the rest. Not to say any thingof th difficulties of Learning half a hundred Rules (memoriter) where there is nothing to help the Memory; or of the Impossibility of retain-

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ing them (by reason of their seldom Use) nor of the Coincidence and Ambiguity which often happens amongst them, nor yet of the preposterous Order in Contracting the beginning of Sentences, and so Writing that last which was first spoken. But to make these things more Intelligible, Short-Writing must be of a general Use; it must not only be Short, but Swift: For we must trace the Speaker Verbatim, (if we can.) We must not reduce his words to Sentences of our own framing, but take them in their own Phrase, (let the Subject or Matter be what it will.) To this end we must choose a General Medium, (i.e.) To write verbatim such Words, as may enable us to read the very words which every Speaker is ty'd to use: But the composing them into Sentences, or to make Symbolical Characters for Sentences, not varying from the Sentence Spoken, is the work of every Genius. And wherefore I say,

Si quid novisti rectius istis Candidus Imperti; Si non, his utere mecum. READER,

Then this excellent piece of Short-hand came first to my View, it pleased me beyond any thing I ever saw of this kind. The Author (when living) was a person of great thoughts; having in this Book laid down such Grammatical Rules for the Art of Short-writing, as are deduced from true Reason, and a solid Judgment: Whereas all the Short-hands hitherto Extant (that ever I faw) are mostly the product of a fanciful inventive Brain, to write by Symbols, and many Knacky Contractions by the Alphabet Sentences, &c. which in the general is not applicable to the true defign of Short-writing, viz. Taking word for word, unless the Authors of those Fancies could procure a Patent for their Invention, to oblige all Preachers and Speakers, in their Discourses and Sermons, to use Phrases and Words suited to such Contractions and Fancies; which is morally impossible; since Experience tells us, that Mens Language and way of Expression, is as different as their Faces. 1 am of this Author's Opinion, they have all mistook the point, thinking the excellency of Short-writing, was to write a great deal in a little room; which produced such swarms of Contractions from Mr. Rich and his followers; and all Short-hand-writers ever fince his time:

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For the true Art and Design of Short-hand, is not (Fohn Troduscast in a Nut-shell for with Mr. Rich) to write a Sermon in the 48th part of a sheet of Paper: It is not to write much in a little room, but to write much in a little time ; and to trace an Operar word by word: Not the sparing of Paper but of Time. This hath also further to recommend it, That this Short-band is as applicable to take a pleading at the Bar, as well as a Sermon from the Pulpit; the Authors delign being to Contract Words. not Sentences. And it hath this further Excellency above all others, that its Rules are applicable to the Alphabets of Rich; Metcalfe, Facy, Hopkins, Mason, or any other Short-hand-writer whatfoever ; infomuch, that any one may apply these Rules without altering their Short-band Charafter. This method must needs be capable of vast Improvement, especially to the Learned: I have not further to add, but recommend you to the perusal of the Book, where the Ingenious will find a large Field to gather up the Art of Short and Swift writing to a greater degree of Perfection, than anything of this Nature could ever yet arrive unto, that I have feen i need to still that April 36, 1692 MOW PO HOW ATRES.

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In Libellum cui Titulus Thoographia, ab Abrahamo Nichols, conscriptum; elimatum verò, auctum & editum à Thoma Slater.

Parve quò tendis Liber? hanc in Orbem: Perge, non est ut vereare quicquam; Sis licet claro patre destituta

Posthuma proles.

Fare, an ut possit calamus citato & Præpeti cursu comes esse Linguæ? Qualibet vox continuò ut liquescat

Sepiam in atram.

Creditu indigmum, nisi probè nossem Inclotam hanc Artem super esse structam. Regulis lectis, adeò & paratis,

Ut nihil ultra.

Quan quidem nullo pretio licetur, Hoc genus quicquid fuit editum olim, Quilibet doctus, Methodo fruens hac

Grammaticali.

In tuas laudes paribus Camænis Artis, ô clarum decus! ire? Quísve Numine afflatus valet in tuas in-

Surgere laudes?

Quo tuam, Regem, simul atque Vatem Credere est, Artem, occinisse David Ore, Scribentis calamum paratum

Qui celebravit.

O Liber salve! Tibi gratulamur Osibus tot, tam variis, futuro Utili: Grata ô venias in Urbem

Posthuma proles !

R. AINSWORTH

Whose Names are hereunto subscribed, having perused the following Treatise about a new Method of Short-hand, and approving it as a very ingenious Contrivance, much excelling any Tract of this kind; and concluding that it may Conduce greatly to a publick Utility, Do therefore commend it, as deserving a general Acceptance and Encouragement.

John Smith.
John Seddon.
Richard Allein.
William Norgate.
Thomas Rodway.
John Dundass. Epsom.

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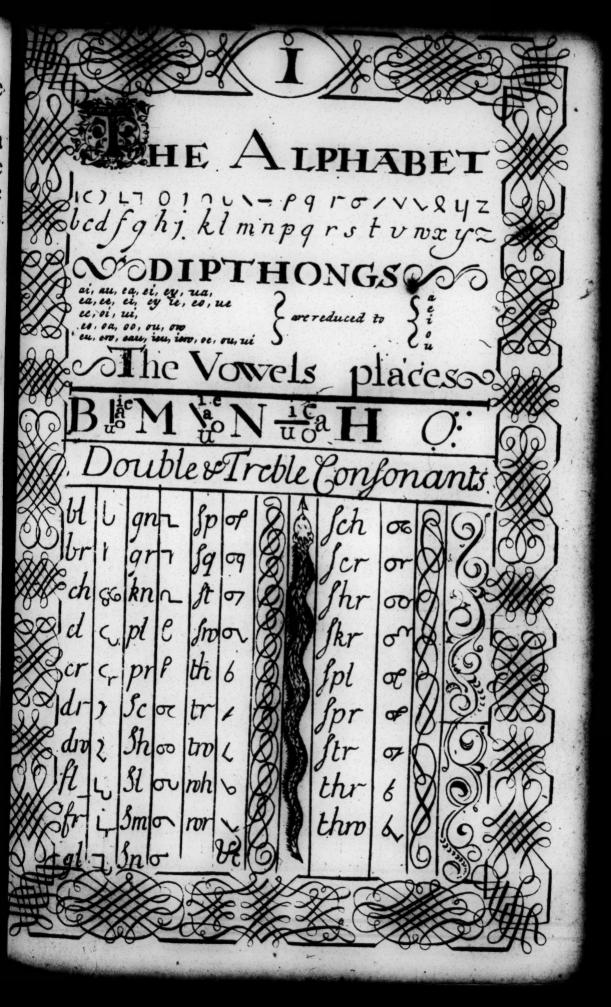
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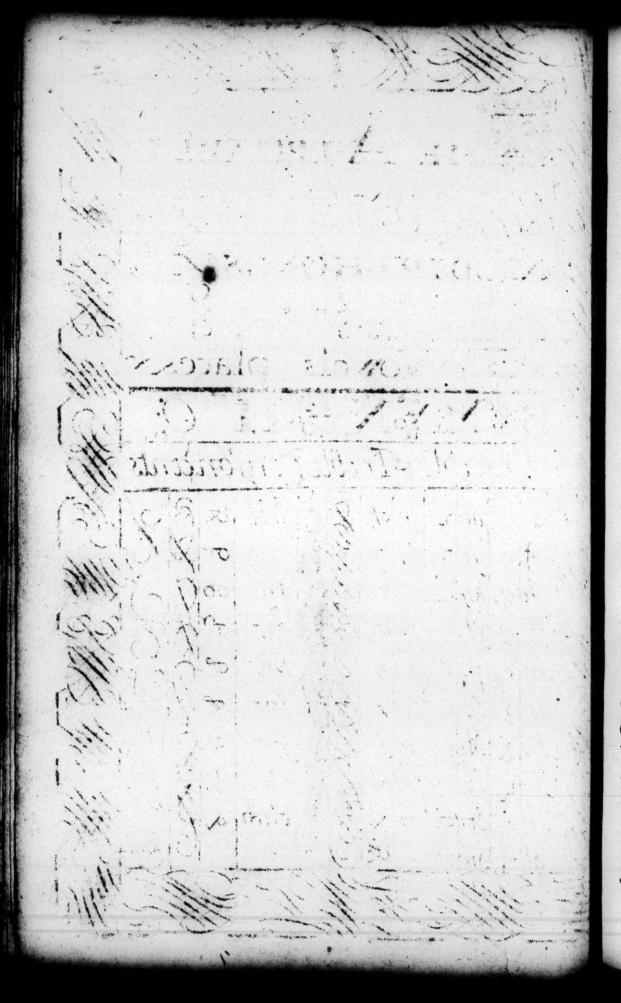
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chifer shall (after perusal of this Work) think it more ready or expedient for him to use the place of the Vowel [a] where the Author has directed, [i.e.] to be placed (that is) even with the Head of the Character; and to place [i.e.] or rather [e.i.] in the middle of the Character; he may (if he thinks sit) place and use the same accordingly.

The same Order set down in the said Table of the Vowels places are to be used about the Characters of the Double and Treble Consonants in the same Table: As also about the Characters for the Prepositions, or beginnings of Words, (written in the lower Part of the Second Table, in the first Column thereof.) And also in the first Columns of the Third and

Fourth Tables.

Next unto the aforesaid Tables of Prepositions (that is to say) in the first and third Columns of the Fifth Table, there are Seventeen Initial Characters; I mean convenient Characters for the beginning of every such English Word as begins with a Vowel; every one of which Initial Characters doth and is to comprise and stand for the First Vowel and Consonant of the Word to which it shall be applied: And aster any of those Initial Characters are written, then to express the rest of that

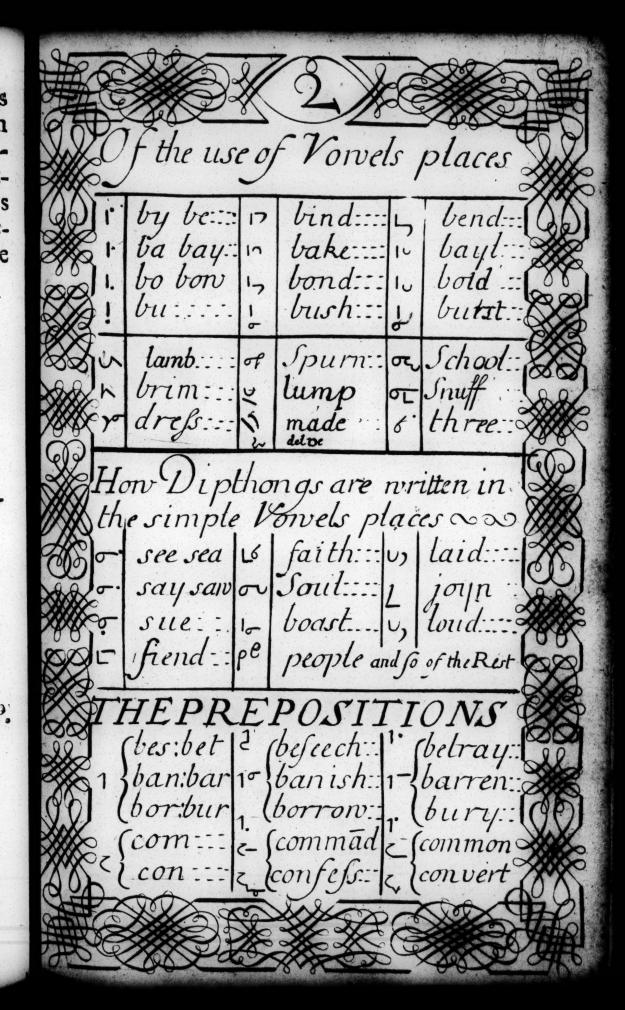
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ing of the two Vowels.

In the next place, the Vowels are fupplied at the beginning of Words by the aforementioned Seventeen Initial Characters [Table 5.] And after you have written any of those Seventeen Characters, you are to observe the Vowels places, and to write the residue and remaining part of the Word after the same Order and Method as before directed for the Confonants and Prepositions. [See the 2,3,4, and 5th Tables But I would have none (as yet) to practise the Writing of any Words out of the aforesaid Tables that may seem very difficult to them; for that they are mostly written and contracted by Rules afterwards to be learned in the following part of this Book.

Note, that if it should so happen, that after any of the aforesaid Initial Characters, or a Character for a Preposition, shall be writ-

ten, there yet remaineth a different Confonant next to that which is included in the said Initial Character or Preposition, then that Confonant must be joyned to the said Initial Character or Preposition in that Form and Order as is done in making the double and treble Confonants. And(if conveniently you may) you are (in writing the rest of the Word) to observe the Vowels places about the latter Character; (that is) if it fall out (when they are joyned together) to be fuch a Character as will admit your observing the Vowels places about it: But if it fall out that you cannot conveniently observe the Vowels places about the latter Character, then you are to observe their places about the faid Character, and the faid following Character fo joyned together. The like Method is to be observed after in the writing of the double and treble Consonants.

Lastly, If a Vowel end a Word, and there is a necessity that it should be expressed, then make a Tittle in that Vowels place. As to distinguish the [Fire] from the word [Fir] or the like.

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rections touching fuch Grammatical Parts of Speech (or Words) as are needful to be understood for the rendring the following Contractions used in this

Art, to be more effectually useful, (that is to say) a Noun Substantive, a Noun Adjective, a Pronoun, a Verb, a Participle, and an Adverb. Every Noun Substantive (or a Word called a Noun Substantive) is such a Word as hath or may have these Signs or or Particles [a] [an] or [the], (with good Sense placed or put before it) As [a Man] or [Men] [an Angel] or [Angels] [the House] or [Houses.]

A Noun Substantive is a Word that hath alone and by its self a sufficient fulness to be understood. As you may know what I mean by [a Horse] or [Horses] [Meat] [Drink] or the like; without the Addition of any Epithet, or Word (called an Adjetive) to set forth the quality of the Noun Substantive. As a [Fine Horse] [a good

Man

Man] [wholfom Meat or Drink.] Which Words [fine] [good] and [wholsom], or the like, are commonly called Epithets or Adjectives, &c. and of themfelves are not of fufficient fulness to make any fensible Sentence or Independent Word, which alone can have a full and perfect Signification, unless they be severally and respectively joyned to a Substantive (or a more Substantial Word) as aforesaid. There are two Numbers, the Singular and the Plural; we call that the Singular Number, when a Noun Substantive expresses no more than one thing, as a [Horse] a [Man] &c. But when more is expressed, it is called a Substantive of the Plural Number, as [Horses] [Men], and the like.

There are three Degrees of Comparison, which are thus to be known and distinguished (that is to say) by adding the Syllable [er], or the Syllable [est] to an Epithet or Adjective. If you add [er], it is called the Comparative Degree. It you add [est] it is the Superlative Degree. As for Example, Let the Epithet or Adjective [happy] be compared (or advanced in degree) thus [happy] [happyer] [happyest.] Here [happyer] is the Comparative, and [happyest] the Super-

lative Degree.

Though some Adjectives cannot be in such manner compared, as [good] [better] [best]

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[best], Or [bad] [worse] [worst.] Yet in our Contractions you may write the same, as if they might be so compared: For in your reading thereof afterwards you may easily distinguish the same.

As concerning the Pronouns, (or Particles, commonly used with, and before Words called Verbs) they are particularly enumerated and taught in the First Part of

the Sixth Table.

Every Verb (or Word called a Verb) hath, or may reasonably have, some small Word or Particle next and immediately placed before or after it, which Particle doth either concern the Person, or the thing spoken of.

As First, For the Persons, I go, Thou goest, He goeth; We go, Ye go, They go: Here the Word [go] is a Verb, and known to be so by one of the aforesaid Words or

Particles placed before it.

Again, I am, Thou art, He is; We are, Ye are, They are. Here the Words [am] [art] [is] or [are] is known to be (and called) a Verb, because one of the afore-said Particles is absolutely needful to be placed before or after it.

Note, That there is often-times placed between the said Particle and Verb, one of these Words, (that is to say) may, can, might, could, would, should, ought, shall or will.

will. As I may have, I can have, I might have, I could have, I would have, I should have, I should have, I ought to have, I shall or will have, Gc. And sometimes the Particle [to], as

to go, to run, to do, &c.

Secondly, As to the [Thing.] A Noun Substantive stands before the Verb; And sometimes a Noun Substantive with an Adjective stand before a Verb; as [Virtue exceeds Beauty.] Here Virtue is a Noun Substantive, and [exceeds] is a Verb.] Good Men are scarce. [Good] is an [Adjective], [Men] is a Substantive, both which are

placed before the Verb [are.]

A Participle (or Word called a Participle) is of the same Nature as an Adjective in its insufficiency to be understood, unless it be joyned with a Noun Substantive in the reading or Sense. But in the quick writing of our Short-hand, there is occasion for you to know and distinguish our Participles from Adjectives, which may be done mostly by taking notice of the Termination, or last Syllable thereof: That is to say, Our Participles end with these Syllables, [ing] or [ed]; or with the Letter [n]: As for Example, Loving, Loved, Slain.

Such Words called [Adverbs] (as are in thiArt to be taken Notice of) always end with the Syllable [ly], as [Friendly] Hardly]

[Equally] [Witfully] &c.

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The before mentioned Words called [Adverbs] may be known and distinguished from the Words called Epithets or Adjestives thus, viz. If the Word ending in [ly] be joyned in reading, or coupled in Sense with a Noun Submantive, then every fuch Word ending in [1/2], is to be termed and called an Epithet or Adjective. But if the Word ending in [ly] have no Noun Substantive joyned with it in the reading or Sense, then the said Word ending in [4] is to be called and termed an Adverb. As for example, You are Friendly Men, You speak Friendly. The Word Friendly is an Adjective when joyned to the Noun Substantive [Men.] But it is an Adverb when used in this or the like Sentence, [You speak Friendly.]

CHAP. V.



of the Sixth Table (of Pronouns)
you find these
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is to say) [I,
Me, My, Mine.]
To write and
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Short-hand, you are only to make a Tittle over the Imaginary Line on which you write. The which Line is before spoken of in Chap.2. In the next place, under the aforesaid Line of this Table, these Pronouns, [Thou, Thee, Thy, Thine] are expressed, by making a Tittle on (or equal with) the said Line. And in the Third Line of this Table, [He, Him, His, Her, Hers] are to be expressed by making a Tittle under the said Line.

In like manner to express the Pronouns, [We, Us, Our, Ours] (in the said Table) you are to make two Tittles above the said Line. And to express [Te, You, Your, Tours] you are to make two Tittles on (or equal with) the Line: And to express [they, them, their, theirs] make two Tittles

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under the Line. The like Order is to be observed in writing the Character in this Table appointed to stand for the Words, [this, these, that, those] by setting the same Character above the Line for [this] or [these]; and on, or in the Line for [that], and under the Line for [those.] There is also in the saidTable a Character to be used in like manner to express the Pronouns, [which] [what] [whom] [whose.] But the Word [it] hath a peculiar Character to express it. And the Word [self] hath the like.

The Words in this Table (that next and immediately follow the said Pronouns) Intituled to be [Auxiliary Verbs, and Signs of Moods and Tenses] (beginning with the Word [do], and ending with the Word[been], are to be expressed by Writing the Symbols or Characters in the Table appointed to be written for the same. But to express the Words [will, were, was, wast, would, wouldst] make and use the Character in the Table appointed in like Form, Order and Manner as you are before directed touching the Pronouns.

As to the Words [might, may, must], obferve the same Order. The word [ought] has a peculiar Character: So hath the Word [should.] The Words [can, canst] are to be expressed by the Character appointed for

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them above the Line; and the Words [could, couldst] by the same Character on the Line. A peculiar Character is for [let], and another for [when.] The Character (for the rest of the Words in this Table) is to be used as the Character for the Pronouns; that is to say, above, on, and under the Line, as there shall be occasion.

The Pronouns will be easily distinguished, tho' a Tittle is used to express more than a dozen Words: For [1] and [Me] can never be mistaken one for another (unless you make what you read Nonsense:) The Pronouns [My] and [Mine] &c. have always their Substantives annexed or understood.

The young Learner of our Short-hand may Rule the Paper (on which he intends to write) with the point of his Ivory-hafted-Penknife, or some other thing; which I conceive will much ease him in his Writing and Reading thereof.

CHAP. VI.



HAT this Art of Short Writing may be placed on its true and proper Foundation, I shall lay down two General Hypotheses, and from thence deduce and

apply some General and particular Rules, to render the Art more feasible.

Hypothesis I.

Whatsoever the Understanding can supply in reading our Short-Writing, may be omitted in the writing thereof.

Hypothesis II.

That which may in (priting) be easily expressed or distinguished by other means, need not be distinguished by Characters.

From the first Hypothesis these Rules are deduced, viz. The Articles [a, an] and sometimes [the] may be omitted and supplied in reading before Nours (as well as they are in Latin) For they are Notes of Particularity and Individuation, and the Sense will show when they are to be supplied,

The same Letters (that is where there are two of one fort) need not be doubled either in the Middle or Ends of Words, as [1] in

[follow] [Bell] &c,

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All compound Sounds, whether Vowels or Consonants, may be reduced to their simple Sounds, as [gb] to [f] in laugh, cough, &c. for you need write no more than Laf, Cof. Likewise [ck] is reduced to [c] in [black] &c. And [&ts] and [cks] to [x], as in [A&ts, Flocks, &c.] write Ax, Flox. Dipthongs are reduced, as before, Table the First.

All Letters (but a little, or not at all founded) are left out: As [ugh] in taught; Thought, and may be thus written, tat, thot, &c. [b] in dumb, doubt, &c. [d] in handfom, stand, &c. [c] in acquit. [g] in slegm, reign, &c. [gh] in high, might, &c. [h] in the middle between two Vowels, as in vehement. [l] in Balm, Psalm. [n] in Hymn, solemn, &c. [p] in tempt, &c. [f] in Isle. [t] in Att, Castle; and always before [ch]; as [catch] may be written [cach] [w] in wrath, whole, answer, &c. [ue] in Plague, League, &c. Et sic de aliis.

The Vowel is frequently drowned when a Liquid follows; and the same Liquid may be joyned without observing the Vowels place (especially in the last Syllable.) Liquids are these four Letters, [L,M,N,R.] The Vowel [e] before [l] is drowned in the pronouncing of [l]; and so it is before [m] and [n]; And the Vowel [a] is drowned in the sound of [r.] For Instance, You

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may express the Word [cart] by writing

only [crt] &c.

The Particle [of] (when it comes between two Substantives) may always be left out in Writing, and supplied in Reading; which will be done without any difficulty at all: For when-ever you find two Substantives (without any thing between them) [of] must be read. The Rule is general, fave only in case of Apposition, (that is) when both Substantives belong to one Perfon or thing; for then [of] must not be read, as the Sense will eatily shew. For example, My Father, Merchant and Citizen, &c. James Duke, &c. My Friend John, &c. For in this case you cannot read [of] but you will make Nonsense; And in the former case you cannot make Sense without it.

Thus you see that this last Rule (without any charge at all to the Memory) contracts all those kind of Sentences, which commonly Short-hand Books have large Catalogues of, and Characters to write them by, (to be learned by Heart:) As Kingdom of God, Kingdom of Christ, &c. For this Rule comprehends them all, and a Thousand others. Neither is it any Conveniency to joyn the two Words together, (as Mr. Metalof do's;) for it is more legible to write

them afunder, and as foon done.

This Rule also will comprize a great part of Mr. Rich's Contractions. And I leave it to the Ingenious Practitioner to Judge, whether it be not as easy to write two Characters in a right Line (one after another in the same Order that the Words are spoken) as to write a Character for the last Word, and to make two or three Tittles behind it

to fignify the former Word.

The Terminations [eft] [eth] may be omitted in Verbs. For Example, Write only [love], and the Person going before will determin whether to read [love, lovest or loveth]: For the Person do's as infallibly shew the ending or termination of the Verb in English; as (in Latin) the termination of the Verb do's the Person, or Nominative Case. So write [have] for [hast, hath] &c. as in the Tables of the Pronouns and Verbs, Table the 6th.

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CHAP. VII.

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ROM the Second Hypothesis are deduced Rules of Contraction, which in our Art of Short-hand must be of Words and not of Sentences. The

Words to their Primitives. And this one Rule will contract some Thousands of Words consisting of Three, Four or Five Syllables to one or two Syllables. For the more easy understanding of which Contractions, the following Rules are to be Noted, that almost of every Verb (by us called a Primitive) there is formed or derived two kind of Substantives; the first of which Substantives denotes the Person or Doer. As for Example,

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And the latter of the aforesaid Substanstives denotes the Act or thing done. As

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Also of every Primitive Verb there is formed or derived two Participles: The first ending with the Syllable [ing], and the latter ending with the Syllable [ed], or with the Letter [n]. As of [Love] Loving, Loved] Of [Bite] Biting, Bitten] &c.

Again of Primitive Verbs there are made or formed Adjectives, by adding the Termi-

nations under-written, viz.

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If the Syllable [by] be added to any of the aforesaid Ajectives, they become Ad-

verbs, as Judicial, Judicially, &c.

When you have written the Primitive Verb in Character (or so much thereof as is needful to be written) you are first to supply and express any one of the aforesaid Syllables or Terminations by placing a Tittle on the Left Hand of the uppermost part of the Character or Characters, written to express the Primitive; which Tittle makes it a Substantive denoting the Person or Doer: As you may see by writing the Word [Apprehender] in the 7th Table, and the like in the 8th Table.

A Tittle placed exactly in the middle (over the Top of the Character which is written for the Primitive) makes it a Substantive denoting the Act or thing done; as in

writing the Word [Apprehension.]

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A Tittle placed parallel or equal with the upper part of the Primitive, (on the right Hand thereof) makes it a Participle, or Word called a Participle) ending with [ed] or [n], as you may partly fee in writing the Word [apprehended], and a small parallel stroke or Dash (in the place and stead of the last mentioned Tittle) makes the Primitive a Participle ending with [ing], as in the Word [apprehending], and the like.

A Tittle directly under the middle of the Primitive, makes it an Adjective, as

[apprehensive.]

But if the Tittle be placed parallel or equal with the lower part of the Primitive (on the Right Hand thereof) it makes the Primitive an Adverb, ending with the Syllable [ly], as judicially. And this Rule for expressing the Syllable [ly] is always to be observed, if the Word be an Adverb.

If a Verb end with the Syllable [ify], you may express such Verb by writing the former part of the Word, omitting [ify], as [fign] for [fignify], and the Sense will infallibly distinguish between Nouns and Verbs in reading, as well here as in our English Orthography, where I could instance several Words of the same Etymology, which stand both for Nouns and Verbs, and yet are never mistaken in reading. And indeed in time, by long Use and Practice, these things will be so samiliar, that the Tittles to distinguish these, and the following, Parts of Speech, may be wholly lest out.

CHAP. VIII.

Explains the latter Column of the 9th, and also the 10th Tables.

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O a Primitive Substantive

(denoting matter or bufiness) there is commonly added one of these
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Words) that denote the Person or Agent imployed about the same matter or business. As

| The | l er | Added to | Garden' | makes | Gardener |
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| Syl- | fter | these Primi | Game (| these | Camester |
| la- | yer | Added to these Primi tive Substan- tives | Lavo | Substan- | Lawyer |
| bles | ling | tives | World . |) tives | Worldling |

To Substantives that denote the Person or Business, there are commonly added Syllables which concern or relate to the Quality or Office of the same Person or Thing: As for Example.

| 5y1- | dia (| Added King Nan Lord Biften ives Bayli | make Lordship Bishoprick |
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To divers other Substantives there are frequently added several Terminations, whereby they become Adjectives: As,

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When you have written the Character for the Substantive (denoting matter or bufiness) you may place a Tittle on the Lest Hand of that Character (even with the upper part thereof) which Tittle will signify the Person or Agent. As [Law, Lawyer] in Table 9.

When you have written the Substantive denoting the Person (in Character,) then if you place a Tittle directly over it, it signifies another Substantive derived from the former, (not concerning the Person, but some other thing (as aforesaid) as [King, Kingdom] [hand, handsom] Table 10.

Number, you are to write a small down-right Dash or little stroke on the right hand over the forepart of the Character: As [Laws, Lords] in Table 9. But if the Termination of any Substantive be expressed by a Tittle, as [Apprehender] Table 7. then to make the Plural Number, you must add a small down-right Dash (to the Tittle, which expresses the Termination:) As [Apprehenders, Apprehensions] in the said Table.

To express any of the before-mentioned Terminations (when they are added to Primitive Substantives, whereby they become Adjectives) you are to set a Tittle exactly under the middle part of the Character (written for the Primitive Substantive) As [Law-Lawful] [Fear-Fearful] [Courage-Couragious] [Child-Childish] [Peace-Peace-

able Tables the 9th and 10th.

Note, that sometimes there is a necessity to express both the Terminations [full] and [ly] (the Adverb) in one and the same Word, to distinguish such a Word from another Word ending with the Terminations [less and ly.] As to write and distinguish the Word [lawlesty] from the Word [lawfully], or the like.

In such case, to write or express the Termination [less] you must regularly place a Tittle just even with the hinder

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part of the Character on the Left Hand; as [Lawless] [Careless] Table 9, and 10.

But if you write the Word [Lawlesly], or the like, you may omit the making of the aforesaid Tittle for [less]; and make only one Tittle for [ly], and the Word will be casily read, notwithstanding that omission.

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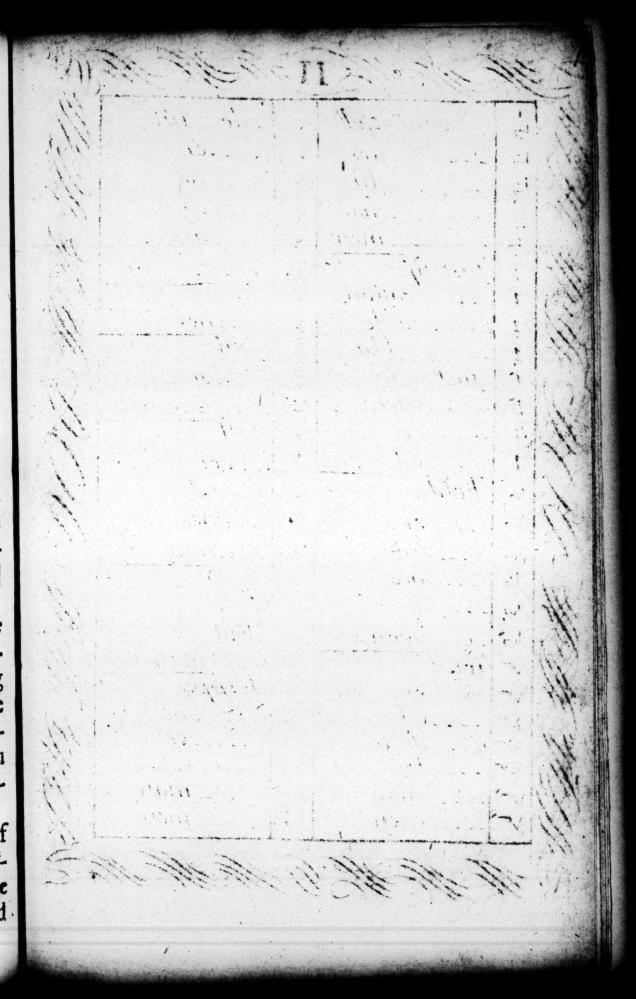
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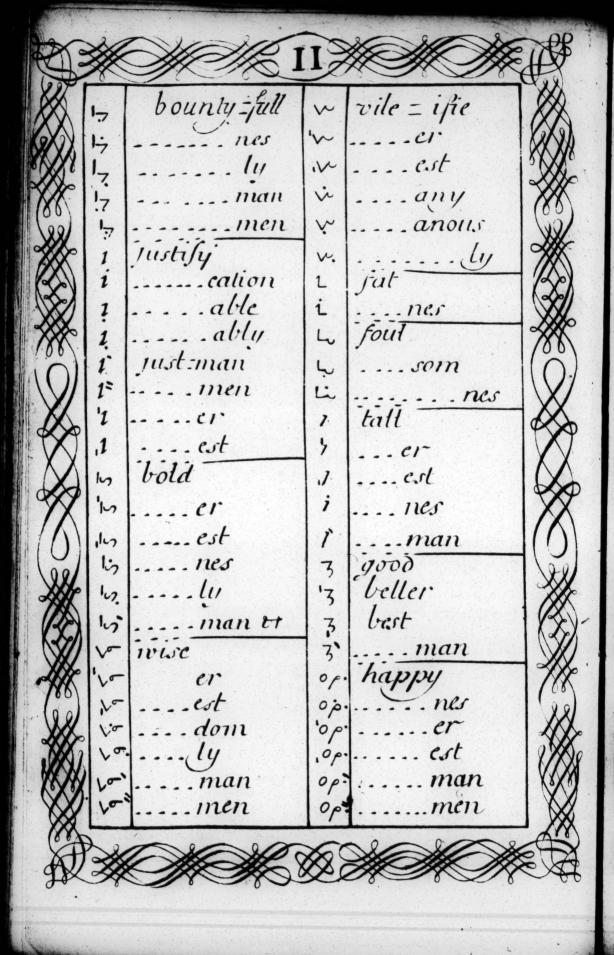
O divers Primitive Adjeflives and Participles the Syllables [nefs, ty, ity] &c. being added, they become Substantives; as [Good-Goodness] [Frail-Frailty]

[Stupid-Stupidity] &c.

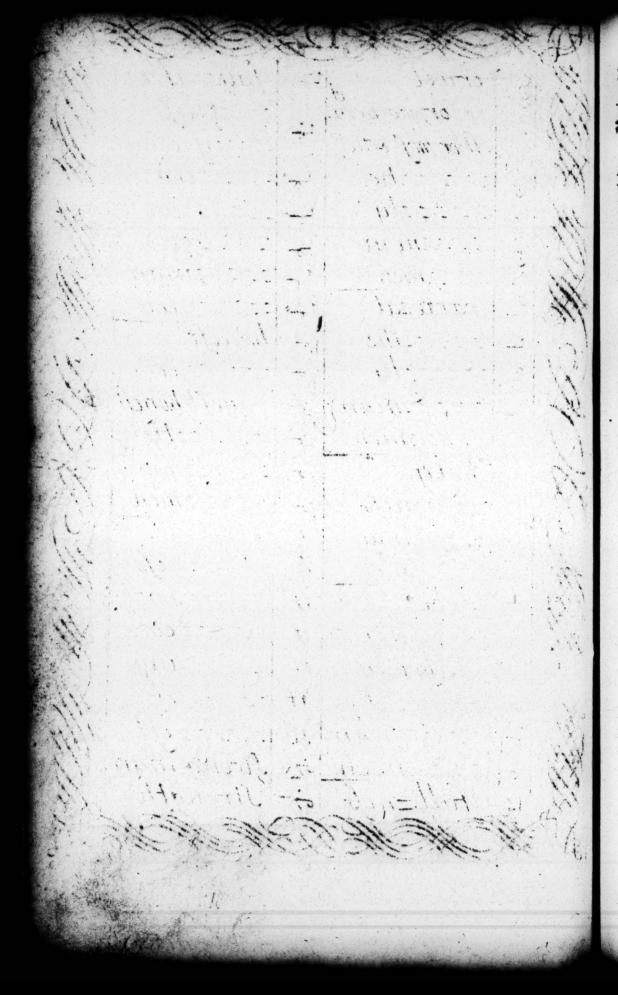
If you first write the Primitive Adjective or Participle (in Character) and would express the Comparative Degree, make a long Tittle, or small down right Dash (on the left hand) at the upper part of the Character (written for the Primitive) as you may see by the words [Wise-wiser] [Happy-Happyer] in Table 11.

A Tittle placed exactly over the top of the Character (written for the said Primitive Adjective or Participle) denotes the





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faid Substantive thence derived, as, [Bold-Boldness] [Tall-Tallness], &c. in Tables 11. and 12.

If the Monosyllable [Man] immediately follow any Primitive Adjective; You are to make a finall fidelong Dash or stroke over the fore-part of the Character, (written for the Adjective) mostly towards the righthand: As, [fust Man] [Bold Man]. Table 11. And two like Dashes in the place aforesaid to express [Men]; as, [Just Men] [Wife Men] Table 11. But if the Adjective be derivative, (that is, if it end with any of the aforesaid Terminations;) then to express [Man] you must add a Tittle (in the same Line) to that Tittle which expresses the Termination; and in that case it will fignify [Man]: And in stead of that Tittle in the same Line, if you place a Tittle directly under the former of those two Tittles, it will stand for [Men]: As, [Lawless Man-Lawless Men] Careless Man-Careful Men] Tables the 9th and 10th.

A little down-right Dash or Stroke on the Lest Hand of any Adjective or Participle (even with the lower part of the Character for the same) signifies the Superlative Degree: As, [Vile-Vilest: Tall-Tallest.] Ta-

ble 11.

And a Tittle under the fore part signifies the Adverb or Syllable [ly.]

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Thus you fee that above Fifty Terminations (confifting of one, two, three, four, and sometimes five Syllables) are all

supplied by a fingle Tittle.

Those that cannot have time to learn the Parts of Speech in Chap. 4. may, (for the more easie understanding the foregoing Contractions) perfectly learn all the foregoing Terminations, as they are disperfed in their respective Chapters, and the places assigned to express those Terminations. This Method is plain, natural and regular: For that which is first pronounced is first written, and the ends of Words are contracted: And when you hear a Derivative Word spoken, you must write only the Primitive of it; or, at least, so much of the Primitive as is sufficient to distinguish it from other Words, and supply the Termination by a Tittle. As for Example, When you hear any of these words, viz. Apprehender, Apprehension, Apprehended, &c. you must write only so much as is sufficient to express their Primitive [Apprehend], and place a Tittle over the hinder part of the Primitive, to signifie the Termination or Syllable [er], or a Tittle over the middle for [fion], or over the fore-part for [ed], &c. As is before set forth more at large in the 7, 8 and 9th Chapt.

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We call those Words Primitives in this Art, of which Words of more Syllables may be made or derived; and those Words we call Derivatives, which are so made, that is, when any of the aforesaid Syllables or Terminations in Chap. 7, 8, & 9. are ad-

ded to a Word.

CHAP. X.

Explains the 13th and 14th Table.



UT forasmuch as there be many Primitive Words, (consisting of three, four or more Syllables) and many other long Words, which have no Primitives to be reduced to. I will there-

fore, (according to my first Proposition) bring all Words down to two Syllables:

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And to that end I shall lay down this general Rules, viz. No Word need be written any further than to distinguish it from other Words. And because this Rule is of greater use than can easily be believed (by any at the first View) I shall branch it into two or thee Particulars.

First, Almost all Words, (Primitives and others, consisting of more than two Syllables) may be written only with two Syllables, including the first Consonant of the Third Syllable. As, [Aband] for [Abandon], [Abrog] for [Abrogate], [Accomp]

for [Accompany] &c. Table 13.

And sometimes in Words of two or three Syllables (if two different Consonants come between two Vowels) the latter Vowel, with the rest of the Word that sollows may be omitted. As for Example, write only [Bapt] for [Baptize], which is sufficient to distinguish it from other words. Vide Table 14.

And here will be no coincidence, but what will be easily distinguished; nor any difficulty in reading, (if you do carefully express your Terminations by a Tittle, as is taught before;) or else when we write [Relig] it will not be so easily known whether to read [Religion] or [Religious.] But the Tittle placed above, or under the Character presently determins the Doubt. And so of the rest, Table 13.

All Words of one or two Syllables (ending with two Confonants) may lose the last Consonant: As, [Stron] for [Strong], [Abjec] for [abject.] Table 14.

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But if there happen three Consonants (between two Vowels) in any word of one, two, or three Syllables, the latter Vowel (with all the rest of the word that follows) may be omitted; as, [esch] for [eschew], [ascr] [ascribe], [thimb] for [Thimble.] Table 14.

CHAP. XI.

HOSE Words (that are enumerated in the Fifteenth Table) are (by our Authors Direction) to be written, by applying only double Confo-

nants or Initial Characters, which are to be varied above, in, or under the Line, as you are before directed for the Prepositions, &c.

Symbolical Characters are properly the work of every Practitioner, and therefore words may be collected according to their own Fancies, and written by fuch Characters as they shall think most expedient.

In the latter part of this 15th Table you have a Specimen of this Art, written by a Youth of about 14 Years of Age, who learned this Art in a Month fo perfect-

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ly, that he could write any of the Prepoficions, or Initial Characters, in a strait Line (without placing them above, in, or under the Line, as aforesaid) and read them distinctly without any difficulty. The Specimen is inserted as follows:

THE Moral Law is the unchangeable Rule of a Christian Mans Adoration of God, the Summary of which is the Decalogue, or Ten Commandments, which was written by the Finger of God upon Tables of Stone, and thundered down from Heaven, who sayd thus, That we should give no Adoration or Worship to any other Deity besides himself; that his Resemblance must not be made by Images; that Veneration must be given to his Holy Name; that the Sandiscation of the Seventh-Day Sabbath is to be religiously Solemnized; that we must be obedient to our Parents; that no Murder is to be perpetrated on the Body of a Man; his Chastity, Goods or Reputation is not to be violated; nor so much as coveting any thing unlawfully.

We hope by this time we have given the Diligent Practicer sufficient Instructions to water not only quickly, but verbatim, after the Speaker: And we shall for bear to add any thing concerning the Conveniency or Benefit of this Art; but shall leave the Learner to speak the Praise of the Author according to his Merit.

